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SUBJECT: STUDENT DEMONSTRATION - JANUARY 23, 1975

1. AT 2030 HRS LOCAL, THIS DATE 1000 - 1500 PRO-GREEK CYPRIOT STUDENTS BROKE AWAY FROM LARGE DEMONSTRATION AT BRITISH EMBASSY IN ORDER TO MARCH TO AMERICAN EMBASSY. STUDENTS ON ARRIVAL DISPLAYED ANTI-AMERICAN BANNERS AND ENGAGED IN LOUD SLOGAN SHOUTING. THREE OR FOUR STONES WERE THROWN FROM THE CROWD TOWARD THE EMBASSY. NO STONES HIT EMBASSY. SOME STONES FROM DEMONSTRATORS DID BREAK THREE WINDOWS IN APARTMENT BELOW TURKISH CONSULATE LOCATED ACROSS STREET FROM US EMBASSY.

2. MARCH BY DEMONSTRATORS TO US EMBASSY WAS NOT PUBLICIZED AS WAS GATHERING AT BRITISH EMBASSY THEREFORE POLICE WERE INITIALLY SURPRISED. LARGE CONTINGENTS OF GREEK POLICE WERE DISPATCHED BY BUS FROM STREETS NEAR BRITISH EMBASSY ARRIVING IN FRONT OF U.S. EMBASSY ALMOST AT SAME TIME STUDENT DEMONSTRATORS ARRIVED. POLICE QUICKLY DISPERSED AROUND EMBASSY AND FORMED A HUMAN WALL ON STREET BETWEEN

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EMBASSY GROUNDS AND SEEMINGLY HIGHLY ENRAGED STUDENT

DEMONSTRATORS. AT 2115 HOURS (LOCAL) STUDENT DEMONSTRATORS PEACEFULLY MARCHED OFF AND SHORTLY AFTERWARDS FOLDED THEIR BANNERS AND DISPERSED.

3. EMBASSY SECURITY OFFICER HAS BEEN ASSURED BY SENIOR POLICE OFFICER ON SCENE THAT ATHENS POLICE WILL REMAIN ON ALERT STATUS THROUGHOUT THE NIGHT AT BRITISH AND AMERICAN EMBASSIES. POLICE OFFICER WAS CONFIDENT THERE WOULD BE NO FURTHER DIFFICULTY FROM STUDENT DEMONSTRATORS THIS NIGH. KUBISH

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